

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, claims 15 and 32 have been amended. Claims 1-13, 15-29 and 32-37 are in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

In section 3 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected claim 37 as containing three additional lines. However, the Examiner stated that he believed the additional three lines of text was a typographical error and did not enter the additional three lines as an amendment to the claims.

In response, the Applicants have removed the three lines of text to overcome this objection and acknowledge that these three additional lines of text to claim 37 were a typographical error.

The Office Action rejected claims 15-18, 24, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Donohue et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,480) in view of Griebenow et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,520). The Office Action rejected claims 19-23 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Donohue et al. in view of Rapaport et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,890,152), and further in view of Griebenow et al. Also, the Office Action rejected claims 32-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Donohue et al. in view of Rapaport et al. Last, the Office Action rejected claim 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Donohue et al. in view of Rapaport et al., and further in view of Griebenow et al.

The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments below.

In particular, the Applicants contend that Donohue et al. in combination with Griebenow et al., or Donohue et al. in combination with Rapaport et al., or Donohue et al. in combination with Rapaport et al. and Griebenow et al., do not disclose all of the elements of the Applicants' claimed invention.

However, the Examiner stated that claims 1-13 were allowable. As such, although the Applicants contend that all of the claims are allowable before the present amendment, in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Applicants have added the allowable limitations into independent claims 15 and 32. Hence, the Applicants submit that these independent claims are now allowable. Consequently, the Applicants respectfully

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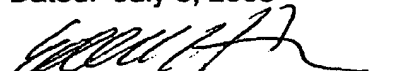
submit that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are moot.

With regard to the dependent claims, since they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, they are therefore patentable on at least the same basis. (MPEP § 2143.03).

Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575. Please note that all mail correspondence should continue to be directed to

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